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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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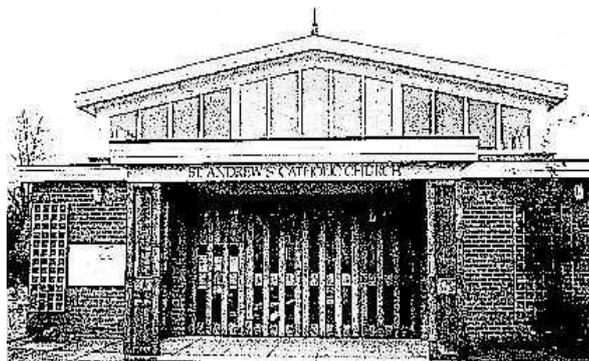
## PASTORAL TEAM

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

**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine

**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ

**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila 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.*

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## 21<sup>st</sup> February 2021 First Sunday of Lent (B)

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### Message from Deacon Tony

I was astounded two weeks ago when I saw on social media a reasonably well known Catholic commentator say "I have nothing to repent of". The comments that followed were all the things that are going through your head right now.

Of the many things that were written, the one that stayed with me was "Lent is coming up soon, that will be a good time for you to reflect more deeply as to why you made that comment".

As I am sure you know, during Lent we do three things, we pray, we fast, and we give alms to those in need. I am going to take time this Lent to do things slightly differently.

For prayer I will be using prayers I have perhaps neglected over the past few years. I did this a few years ago and found it helpful. At the time, I was not confident in the order of the petitions in The Memorare, now I am. I want to become more familiar with the prayers of St Ignatius Loyola, Richard of Chichester and more particularly, the prayers of St Teresa of Avila.

I will be fasting from my car and the short distance journeys I take. No more ten minute trips to the supermarket. I am perfectly happy to walk as a leisure activity, but I am sure it will do me good and give me time to reflect, if I walk more than I do now.

As an act of charity, I will be taking up the Examen, and using this each evening. This will help me discern how charitable I have been each day. By turns, this will help me reflect on just how much I have to repent for, which is what I find Lent is really all about.

### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Genesis 9:8-15</b>	<b>God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood</b>
<b>Psalms 24</b>	<b>Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant</b>
<b>1 Peter 3:18-22</b>	<b>That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now</b>
<b>Mark 1:12-15</b>	<b>Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	James Power (F) Paul Etuka RIP For the people of the Parish
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	7.30am	Mass	Fr John Ehichioya RIP Michael Leahy RIP Anniv
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	7.30am	Mass	Fr Edward Mostyn (F) Francis D. Souza RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am	Mass	Rose Freeman RIP Anniv
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am	Mass	Fr Adolfo Pacheco – Sick
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am	Mass	Mona Augusta Fernandes RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30am	Mass	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa  For the People of the Parish
	<b>10.00 – 10.30am</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>5.00 – 5.30pm</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am	Mass	Pascal Caitione Braganza – Month Mind Sr. Mary Martin RIP
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **FR THADDEUS AND FR ANTHONY**

We are sorry to say that Fr Thaddeus has had to return to Manchester. We thank him for his ministry at St Andrew's and ask that you keep him in your prayers.

We welcome Fr Anthony Saffa C.S.Sp. who has been appointed as Assistant Priest to St Andrews.

### **CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 26<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

This Lent, CAFOD's Family Fast Day is an opportunity to continue to express our shared love and concern as one global Church family. We want to reach out to some of the poorest, most marginalised of our sisters and brothers. On CAFOD's Family Fast Day, a day we are invited to pray, fast and give to help people like Abdella. Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says: "I am wasting my life. I am a young man; I should be doing something else". Your gifts will help vulnerable communities around the world have access to clean water and other vital support.

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, we ask you to eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Abdella. This weekend please collect your Family Fast Day envelope and return your envelopes on the weekend of 27/28 February. You can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give), or by using one of the envelopes.

You can also easily give via text. Text LENT to 70460 - texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD'S work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you would like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications: text LENTNOINFO to 70460. Thank you for your continued support.

### **LENT 2021**

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Please join us on Wednesdays 10.30am and Friday evenings at 8.00pm.

#### **THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.... Do you wish to become a Catholic or are even a little curious to know more about the Catholic Church and what it believes? Or do you know someone who does? Anyone who wishes to become a Catholic, please speak to one of the Priests, Deacons or Sr. Jennie after Mass this weekend. Or give your contact details to the parish office.

## **THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children. This is for children over the age of 7 years who have not been a) Baptised or b) are in year 5 and over and have not made their First Communion. Parents please see Sr. Jennie after Mass to give details.

## **JANUARY 400 CLUB DRAW**

The winners are: No: 130 - Mary Barry - £20, No: 57 - Lucy McAlpin - £10, No: 123 - Bridget Goveia - £10

## **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 go 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.

## **MASS OFFERING BOOKINGS AND DONATIONS THROUGH PAYPAL**

If you would like to use the facility to book your Mass intentions and make donations through Paypal, please go on our website where you will find the "Donations" menu. Please follow the instructions given there. Mass bookings can still be booked in the normal way using envelopes in the porch.

## **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 current 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 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 to everyone who have already spoken to me or have already donated, this is much appreciated but we still have a way to go, so if you think you can help, please do speak with me, thank you Fr Emmanuel.*