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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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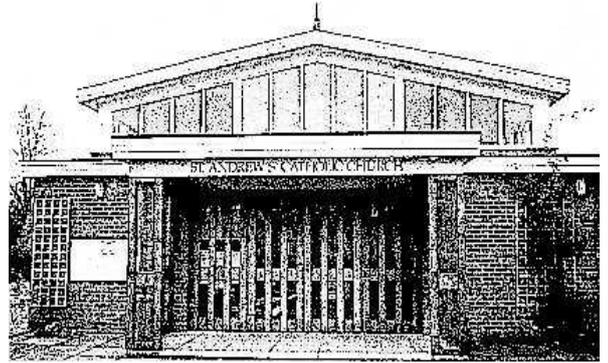
## PASTORAL TEAM

**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



*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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## 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Second Sunday of Lent (B)

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### Message from Fr Sylvester

#### **This is my beloved, listen to Him**

In this second Sunday of Lent, the Church calls us to reflect on one of those remarkable events in the life of Jesus, His Transfiguration. What happened in this particular event and what meaning has it for us today? The importance of prayer cannot be overemphasised, as the key to the Christian life. Jesus went into prayer and then the disciples could see the change in his countenance, followed by the appearance of Moses (who represents the Laws) and Elijah (who represents the prophets).

Meanwhile, the Transfiguration event is a way through which God the Father authenticates that in Jesus, His Son lies the fulfilment of His will for human redemption. Just as He (the Father) had confirmed this at Jesus' Baptism in the River Jordan, God the Father commands us to listen to the Beloved Son. Our duty is to listen to him and to follow him, who is the way the truth and the life. Listening to him is the great lesson of this experience.

Obviously accepting the person of Jesus is accepting "a whole package". It is not a matter of picking and choosing the aspects of his teaching that suit us. It rather entails welcoming Jesus' promises as well as listening and obeying his teaching.

We should therefore, evaluate ourselves this day on how we welcome the person of Jesus and listen to his teaching. Do you make the necessary effort to model your life to his teaching by allowing the Words that proceed from his mouth to determine and guide your daily choices and decisions? Certainly, all who obeys the Father through the Son would eventually see the glory of heaven as Peter, James and John experience a glimpse of it in today's Transfiguration event.

This Sunday's Readings	
Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18	The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith
Psalms 115	I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living
Romans 8:31-34	God did not spare his own Son
Mark 9:2-10	This is my Son, the Beloved

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	For the People of the Parish Pascal Caitione Braganza – Month Mind Sr Mary Martin RIP Mrs C. Etuka – God’s Blessings
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Pat Ryan RIP Eudoxy D’Souza RIP
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Tim Rooke RIP Conrad Lobo RIP (Birthday)
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Adolfo Pacheco – Sick Ruby D’Souza RIP
<b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mrs Brigid Doolan – Sick
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Piers Cadell – Sick Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP – Month’s Mind
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Adrian Gladwin Freeman RIP Helena Zajac RIP – One month For the People of the Parish

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

## St. Andrew’s Parish Notices

### CAFOD’S FAMILY FAST DAY

Thank you for supporting CAFOD’s Family Fast Day which was on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Please return your Family Fast Day envelopes this weekend, 27/28 February. You can donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and also 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.

#### 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.

## **GIVE BY CARD**

The Diocese has asked us to allow for parishioners alternative options of giving donations to the Church. You will probably have seen the new machine in the porch which allows you to make donations by using your card. Many Churches around the country are now using this method by offering parishioners a choice. We are being encouraged by the Diocese to offer this alternative option.

It is the same as if you were using your contactless credit/debit card in the shop. To give by card:

1. Choose how much you want to give
2. Tap your card to donate
3. Complete a Gift Aid declaration if you have your number

For donation values greater than £45, the card must be inserted at the top of the card reader.

***Cancelling a transaction.*** If for any reason, you need to cancel a transaction before completion, simply press the power button on the right hand side of the card reader. This cancels the transaction and declines the payment. You then need to press 'Dismiss' at the bottom of the Digital Collection Plate to return to the Donations Screen.

Of course, if you still wish to donate using cash, cheques or Paypal, you are still able to do so, we are just offering another way to help you. It might take a while for us to get used to using this option but hopefully we can make it work. Thank you all for your continued support.

## **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.***