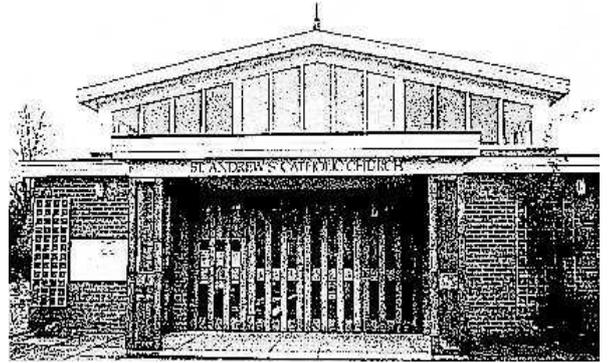


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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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**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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## 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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### Message from Deacon Errol

#### Temples of Light

Forty days after the birth of a Jewish boy, the Law of Moses requires the child to be presented to the Temple, to dedicate him to God, and also, for the mother to be purified after childbirth (Leviticus 12). So, this is what Mary and Joseph went to the Temple to do. They carried their Light and the Light of the world, Jesus, into the Temple.

God is light, and Christ is the image of the invisible God, so just as the sun brings light the whole world; so does Jesus, the Word made flesh, Immanuel (God with us), the Light of the world. We therefore, have a Mediator who brings salvation to all those who believe in him, and offers the power to make believers children of the God, citizens of Heaven and the New Jerusalem. In Jesus was life, and that life was the Light of men. (John 1:4) The Wise Men followed the star (the light) to bring them to Jesus, the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE, so that they may actively connect to him and embody his Light in their various corners of the world. By our baptism, we are all temples or tabernacles of God, and He is inviting us to live lives worthy of the Light (Jesus) and proclaim his salvation to the world. He gives light to those in darkness, so that they might walk in the Light (Walk in Christ), and so must we. Ask yourself, what is my light? How am bringing this Light (Jesus) to those I meet on my journey in this world?

As we walk in this dark Covid time, may we stay focused on the Light, Jesus our Lord, and trust him still, so that come what may, he will guide our hearts and minds to peace.

May God's Light bring healing and comfort to the sick and suffering in this difficult time. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings	
<b>Job 7:1-7</b>	<b>Restlessly I fret till twilight falls</b>
<b>Psalms 146</b>	<b>Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted</b>
<b>1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23</b>	<b>I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel</b>
<b>Mark 1:29-39</b>	<b>He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP Ajibola Oyeyinka RIP Anniv For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Stanley Hewes RIP
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mary O'Dell RIP
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Kath Hill RIP Anniv
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Giovanna Boselli RIP
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Saturday 13<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	Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> <i>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Bill Brennan RIP Mrs C. Etuka – God's Blessings For the People of the Parish

Church cleaners: this week: Fifi's Group, next week: Sancho's Dusters

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### LENT 2021

#### Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, there will be Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 8.00pm. This marks the start of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

#### Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Wednesday 10.30am and Friday evening at 8.00pm.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

It is with sadness that we inform you of the passing of Brian McGrath RIP, a much loved parishioner of St Andrew's for a very long time. His funeral service will be held here at St Andrew's, but please check with the family before attending because there is a maximum number of attendees of 30. May his Soul Rest in Peace.

### 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.

### SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection next week, 14<sup>th</sup> February, for Poor Parishes. This collection enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the smaller parishes in the Diocese.

### REPOSITORY

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

## **HALL EXIT DOOR**

Please can we ask that parishioners do not leave the Church after Mass via the hall exit door. Once Mass has finished, please exit the Church from the side exit doors – thank you.

## **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 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, Fr Emmanuel.