

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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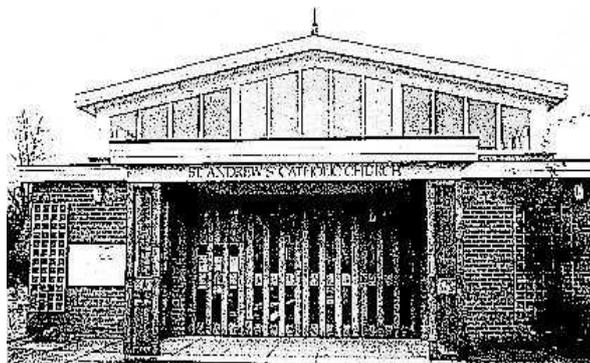
## PASTORAL TEAM

**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.*

## 14<sup>th</sup> March 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)

### Message from Deacon Errol

#### **The Journey does not end here**

It is happening around us; we hear about it, see it on TV and read about it in the newspaper. We become numb because of it. If you are trying to guess what I am talking about, keep guessing. We know people who have walked the path; the most recent to take this path a few days ago in our family was my wife's beloved Auntie Lily Brew Arthur. This is one path we all must take, as the journey does not end here.

This is the Fourth Sunday of Lent traditionally known as Laetare Sunday, which like the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete), is when our observance takes a more joyful approach, as we look with expectation to the great feast of Easter. Laetare Sunday brings us hope and encouragement, as we draw nearer to the Paschal Feast. A feast involving the sacrifice of the Son of God, who overcame death by rising again to life; as a sign that even when we die in Him, the abounding grace of God looks to the Covenant sealed with the Blood of Christ to raise us anew in the Eternal Kingdom. Scripture tells us, "through Jesus Christ all things came to be and all had life in Him" (*John 1:3-4*). With this let us hold fast to God's promise of life without end and live like children of the promise and abide in Jesus (*1 John 2:24-25*).

Now you know what I am talking about, how are you making the gift of your life be pleasing to God so that at the appointed time, you will be welcomed to the New Jerusalem, the Heavenly City of God, as those who have gone before us.

Today as you pray, spend a few moments to remember all who are sick or have died during these trying times; and may God order our lives so that we strive after the things of the Spirit and be renewed to deepen our relationship with Him.

**2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23**

**Psalms 136**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

**John 3:14-21**

#### **This Sunday's Readings**

**The wrath and mercy of God are revealed in the exile and in the release of his people**

**O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!**

**You who were dead through your sins have been saved through grace**

**God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP Rose Callery RIP (A month's mind)  For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Elsie Harvey (Teresa's Mum) RIP Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Adolfo Pacheco (sick) Mrs Jackie Hughes RIP
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Mirian Hayward RIP
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Saturday 20<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	Rose Freeman RIP  Francis Belchetti RIP
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Rose Callery RIP For the People of the Parish For Our Suffering Souls (Anniv)

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

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

The live streaming will be installed soon. We are very much looking forward to sharing the love of Christ through live streaming Holy Mass from St Andrew's. At the moment, we will only be live streaming Holy Masses at the weekend. Please spread the word to your families and friends to enable everyone the opportunity to view Mass online during this lockdown period.

We very much hope many of our parishioners will be joining us one way or another to celebrate Mass together and I look forward to receiving your feedback (positive I hope!).

Thank you to everyone who have already donated and if you still wish to contribute towards this project, you can still do so or speak with me directly. Thank you all very much Fr Emmanuel.

### **LENT 2021**

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

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

Please join us for our Parish Penitential Service on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm. This is a great way to prepare for Easter so please do come along.

### **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)**

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.

## **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays. For access you will need to re-enter the Church at the front entrance after exiting through the side doors.

## **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.

## **GIVE BY CARD**

The Diocese has asked us to allow for parishioners alternative options for 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 donation 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.

## **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.