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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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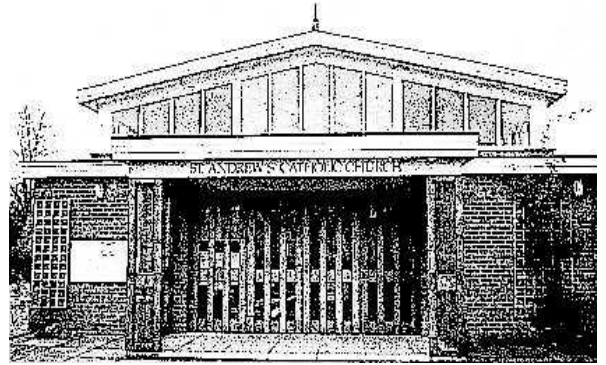
## **PASTORAL TEAM**

**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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## 21<sup>st</sup> March 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)

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### Message from Deacon Tony

It may have slipped us by but in December Pope Francis declared the year of 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021 as the year of St Joseph. One cannot help but wonder at the influence that St Joseph has on us as Christians.

He is mentioned very little in scripture. We first hear of him when the angel Gabriel visits Mary to tell her she will be the mother of Jesus. He is then presented with a most difficult situation. Mary at the time would have been but a teenager, had she not only have been found to be pregnant, but pregnant by someone who was not her betrothed, the scandal could have been phenomenal. However, having been assured in a dream by an angel, Joseph took Mary as his wife.

The next we hear of him after the birth of Jesus, is having to flee to Egypt as his new born son is the one child Herod wishes to kill. We see on a regular basis how difficult life is for refugees, do we ever consider the sacrifice Joseph had to make to protect his family.

The last time we hear of him is when the boy Jesus goes missing in Jerusalem. It takes the family three days to locate him. As a dad myself I would not want to think what must have gone through his mind at that time. Joseph's death is not recorded.

While we have been the most interesting of times in the past year, being cut off from our loved ones, our friends the Church and the sacraments, it is quite small in comparison the sacrifice Joseph made for Mary, Jesus, and us all.

He's worthy of his year.

### This Sunday's Readings

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind**

**Psalm 50**

**A pure heart create for me, O God**

**Hebrews 5:7-9**

**He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation**

**John 12:20-30**

**If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b> <i>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Francis Belchetti RIP Rose Callery RIP For the People of the Parish For our Suffering Souls (Anniv)
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Donovan Family (F)
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Adolfo Pacheco (sick) Elsie Harvey RIP
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Steph Watkins RIP Christina Etuka (God's Blessings)
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>The Annunciation of The Lord</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Ritchie Family (Special Intention) Joseph Candido De Souza RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Adrian Johnson (Recovery from illness) Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Saturday 27<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	Power & Fennelly Families (F)  Len Highland RIP
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord</b> <b>Palms blessed at all Masses</b> <i>(clocks forward 1 hour)</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Donald Melvin RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the People of the Parish

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### SPECIFIC GUIDELINES FOR THE CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY WEEK AND EASTER LITURGICAL ACTIVITY

*Due to Covid, all Holy Week activities attendees shall be based on a first come basis as our Church can only hold 140 worshippers at a time*

#### 1. PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD: MASSES WILL BE AS USUAL

- No Procession with palm branches into the Church
- Palm branches will be made available at the entrance of the Church. Please take one and return to your seat, they will be blessed from there by the officiating Priest
- A shorter form of the Passion will be read with multiple readers

#### 2. HOLY THURSDAY

- Mass for the Lord's Supper 8:00pm
- No washing of the feet
- No procession to the Altar of Repose
- The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in the Tabernacle in the Church
- The Altar will not be stripped

- There will be no watching in Lieu of the Altar Repose. However, the Priest and other Ministers will spend a brief time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle before leaving the sanctuary

### **3. GOOD FRIDAY: DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

- Stations of the cross 10am inside the Church. *Please note only the Leaders can move around through the 14 stations. Please remain in your seat and participate*
- Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday starts at 3:00pm
- The Passion will be read by multiple readers
- Adoration of the Holy Cross: The Deacon will move through the aisle of the Church for the congregation to Venerate while remaining in your seats

### **4. THE EASTER VIGIL (HOLY SATURDAY)**

- Easter Vigil Mass 8:30pm
- There will be *no* 6:00pm Mass
- The Paschal Candle will be enthroned in the Sanctuary and prepared and lit at the beginning of the celebration with the congregation
- No candles for renewal of Baptismal Promise
- No sprinkling of Holy water

### **5. EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

- First Mass 7:30am
- Second Mass 9:30am
- Third Mass 11:30am

### **6. EASTER MONDAY**

- Only one Mass 10am

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

The live streaming will be installed soon. Unfortunately there has been a problem with the installation and we will have to wait until Talk Talk can resolve the issue. In the meantime I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this project. I have been touched by the generosity of so many and though this will take a little longer than originally planned, we are very much looking forward to sharing the love of Christ through live streaming Holy Mass from St Andrew's. *Thank you all so 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.

Please collect your Easter poster which should be put on your window on Palm Sunday but not showing "He Is Risen" until Easter Sunday and then taking the poster down on Easter Monday.

Also available is a leaflet with all the information about our services for Easter. There are Easter collection envelopes too which is the Easter collection for our Priests of the Parish.

### **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.

### **400 CLUB**

The winners are

February:

No: 121 - £20 - John & Sheila McEneaney

No: 41 - £10 - A. Castelo

No: 8 - £10 - Bella Prins

March:

No: 24 - £20 - Lailtha Persaud

No: 35 - £10 - Frank Hayward

No: 99 - £10 - William Booth

### **REPOSITORY**

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am Mass on Sundays. We have packs of small Easter cards in stock. 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.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection on the weekend of 27/28 March for Easter flowers.