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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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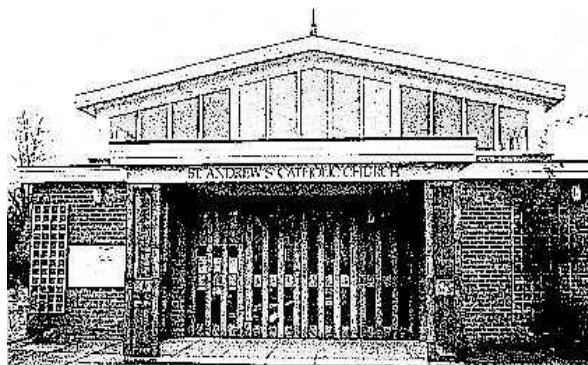
## PASTORAL TEAM

**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> March 2021 Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

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### Message from Fr Sylvester

#### **Behold The King of Peace, Let us follow Him**

Palm Sunday is also called Passion Sunday and is the first day of Holy Week and it commemorates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey (Matt 21: 1-9). During these days of the week we are invited to feel like Jesus - to accompany Jesus in His sufferings and death, to be one with Him and experience His passion.

Jesus' entrance into the Holy City was his last time before His crucifixion. It was a triumphal entry of Jesus as the King of Peace. He rode on a donkey in fulfilment of the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9 which says: "Rejoice greatly, O daughters of Zion! Shout for joy, O daughters of Jerusalem. For see, your King is coming, just and victorious, humble and riding on a donkey". The symbolism of the donkey here is that, it is an animal of peace as opposed to the horse which is animal of war. Jesus enters into Jerusalem as a divine anointed messenger of peace to complete his redemptive mission. The whole multitude of His disciples and followers proclaimed "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord" (Luke 19: 37- 38).

Jesus is the King of Peace, let us follow him, step by step, from the gates of Jerusalem, to the Praetorium, to Calvary and then to the tomb and whence let us celebrate the joy of Easter in peace.

#### This Sunday's Readings

**Isaiah 50:4-7**

**I did not cover my face against insult, I know I shall not be shamed**

**Psalm 21**

**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**

**Philippians 2:6-11**

**He humbled himself; but God raised him high**

**Mark 14:1-15:47**

**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord</i>  <i>Palms blessed and distributed at all Masses</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Len Highland RIP Donald Melvin RIP Paul Etuka RIP For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass 7.00pm Penitential Service	Special Intention Ritchie Family
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	7.30am Mass	Matt Erskine RIP
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b>	8.00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper	Mihru Raki RIP (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv)
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> <b>Good Friday</b> <b>Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b>	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday	
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b>	8.30pm Easter Vigil	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <b>The Resurrection of the Lord</b>	7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass	Lynda Salako RIP Frances Gilbert (Wellbeing) Donald Melvin RIP

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

## 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 Wednesday 10.30am.

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.

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.

### **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.

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES**

Gift Aid envelopes for 2021/22 are available in the porch for collection. Please collect your envelopes after each Mass. This is also a good opportunity for you to sign up if you are not already in the scheme. The Gift Aid Scheme allows the parish to claim 25p tax back from HMRC for every £1 you donate. It will not cost you any extra. The only requirement is you must be paying UK tax. Please collect the relevant forms from the porch or pass your contact details to the parish office.

## **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection this weekend, 28<sup>th</sup> March, for Easter flowers.

There will also be a second collection on Good Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, for Holy Places. The places connected with Our Lord's Passion have always been centres of veneration and pilgrimage. This Good Friday collection is sent for their upkeep and to help maintain Christian schooling in the area.