
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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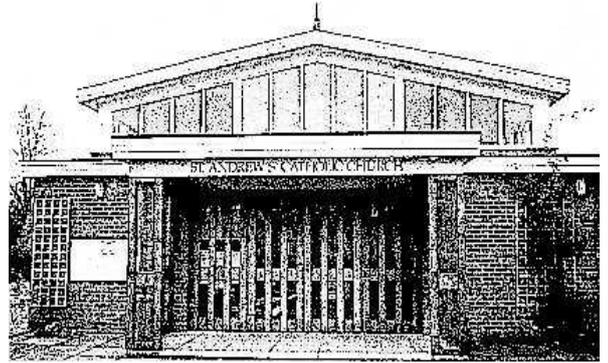
PASTORAL TEAM

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.

7th March 2021 Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Message from Fr Emmanuel

For the sake of the Kingdom

The portrait of Jesus in today's Gospel is a world away from the storybook caricature of Jesus, the meek and mild figure whose harmless looks indistinguishable from blankness. An equal caricature is to use this passage to make Jesus into a godfather of violence, a revolutionary willing to support annihilation for the sake of the cause. Jesus did use force in the Temple; he was certainly aggressive. But he did not use force to secure a *coup d'état*—he was not a nationalist leader. Nor did he use aggression to gain power for himself - his Kingdom could not be established by violence.

Jesus' aggression was at the service of his Father's house, for the advancement of the kingdom of God. If our own aggression could be employed for the advancement of God's kingdom, perhaps God's kingdom would be a more obvious domain in today's world. But we hang back from confronting the powers that devalue our beliefs. In drawing back, we continue to give permission to the 'traders' to occupy the Temple. Remember, sometimes disturbing the peace is the only Christian option. There is no better time to make this decision, than this season of Lent. We pray for courage and strength to all stand up for the truth in defence of our faith.

This Sunday's Readings

Exodus 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses

Psalms 18

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God

John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up

Diary for the Week

Sunday 7th March <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Adrian Gladwin Freeman RIP Helena Zajac RIP – One month For the People of the Parish
Monday 8th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Manolo Pacheco RIP
Tuesday 9th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Evelyn Hampshire RIP
Wednesday 10th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Beatrice Efedua RIP (JR) Sr Mary Martin RIP
Thursday 11th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	St Damien's Helpers' Families
Friday 12th March	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Adolfo – sick Harry Sweeney RIP
Saturday 13th March	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Sr Mary Martin RIP
Sunday 14th March <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Rose Callery RIP – A month's Mind For the People of the Parish

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

FAMILY FAST DAY – THANK YOU

Thank you so much. Your generous gifts will help people like Hagos in Ethiopia, struggling to cope in an increasingly hotter and drier climate. Hagos and his family nearly starved due to drought, but thanks to our Church family and support like yours, we provided him with solar powered water pumps. Hagos and his neighbours now have flowing water to cultivate their land. Remember it's not too late to give to our Lent appeal, cafod.org.uk/lent. Thank you for your continued support.

LIVE STREAMING EQUIPMENT FOR ST ANDREW'S

The live streaming will be installed in a couple of weeks time. 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 29th 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.