

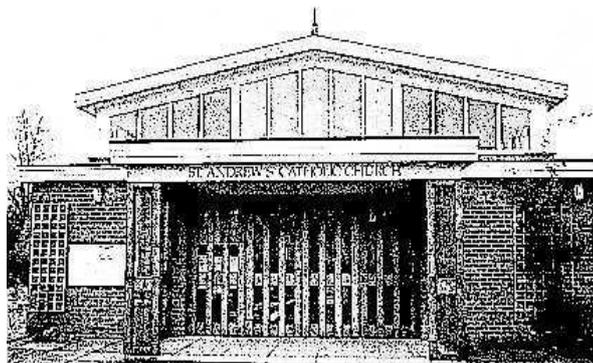
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

25th April 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter (B)

Message from Deacon Errol

Selflessness not Selfishness

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday and also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. We remember and pray for more people to say 'Yes' to God's call to be set apart for His work to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life.

Jesus teaches us how to lead by giving us the image of a good shepherd, whose sole concern is for the wellbeing of the sheep. He is an example of a good leader, taking care of his flock. As a good shepherd he leads the sheep from green pasture to another for the sheep to grow and seeks out the lost. A good shepherd is prepared to sacrifice his life for the flock. Unfortunately, we live in a world of selfishness rather than selflessness. Where would the world be if we think a little bit more about sacrificing our own happiness for others? Surely, we would be in a better place than it is now. (cf. 1 John 3:16-18)

There would be nothing like supremacy of one person over the other, if we consider ourselves as one flock of the risen Lord and truly believe in the resurrection and life after death.

No one is born a saint. We work at it constantly to overcome the trials and snares of life. Parents work with their children in their Christian living, and children work with your parents so they may receive blessings (1 Peter 5:5) Jesus the Good Shepherd's death is to be the living proof that "the greatest love a person can show is to give one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13); an invitation to be selfless. Jesus teaches us a way to be successful disciples; humility, patience, tolerance and sacrifice, so that where he is, we may be also.

Let us remember those who have finished their work in this life and are in transition to the next. We pray for the souls of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, and Angela's aunty Lily Brew Arthur, that they may have eternal life.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved

Psalm 117

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone

1 John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he really is

John 10:11-18

The good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep

Diary for the Week

Sunday 25th April <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</i>	6.00pm (Saturday)	First Mass of Sunday	For the People of the Parish Lily Brew Arthur RIP Madeline Victoire (92 nd Birthday) Lewin Family (Thanksgiving)
	9.30am	Mass	
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	
Monday 26th April	7.30am	Mass	Ana Rita Fernandes RIP Esther Oyeyinka (Birthday)
	10.00am	Mass	
Tuesday 27th April	7.30am	Mass	Len Highland RIP (Birthday) Kevin Daniel Tester RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Wednesday 28th April	7.30am	Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Thursday 29th April	7.30am	Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP
	10.00am	Mass	
Friday 30th April	7.30am	Mass	Robert Suckling RIP In Honour of Our Lady of Africa
	10.00am	Mass	
Saturday 1st May <i>St Joseph the Worker</i>	9.30am	Mass	Timothy & Clea Andradi (F)
	10.00 – 10.30am	Confessions	
	5.00 – 5.30pm	Confessions	
	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	
Sunday 2nd May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am	Mass	For the People of the Parish Virginia Athayde RIP Tobech Uche (Birthday) Nana Mike Hayfron (Birthday)
	11.30am	Mass	
	6.00pm	Mass	

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

400 CLUB DRAW FOR APRIL

£20 No: 118 - Sheila Behan

£10 No: 78 - Henry Barrie

£10 No: 17 - Alexandrina De Souza

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend, 25th April, will be for the Priest's Training Fund. This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also supports certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE ON TUESDAY 4TH MAY

The Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors (PCPM) has highlighted the importance of prayer and suggested to Pope Francis that the worldwide Catholic Church should join together in a day of prayer. The Holy Father has welcomed this initiative. From 2021, in response to a request from the Let's Be Honest working group, the Bishops have chosen Tuesday of the 5th Week of Easter as the Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse - 4th May.

LIVE STREAMING EQUIPMENT FOR ST ANDREW'S

At the time of writing we hope Talk Talk will be here shortly to install the wi-fi for the live streaming in the next few days. We hope to be up and running soon after. Again I apologise for the length of time this has taken for the problems to be fixed. Thank you for your patience and thank you again to everyone for your kind generosity. *Fr Emmanuel.*

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 are here and still happy to help anyone who is confined to home and need help with collecting prescriptions or shopping etc. 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.

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.

JUSTGIVING

“ACTIVE SOLES WALK FOR ST ANDREW'S THORNTON HEATH”

As a result of the Covid 19 pandemic the parish finances have diminished substantially so that we are unable to carry out essential maintenance work to our Church. I know that I am asking again if you can help St Andrew's raise some more money for Church maintenance and I am sorry to have to ask but any help that you can give us would be most welcome.

I am therefore asking all parishioners to participate in the 'Active Soles Walk' which will commence on Easter Monday, 5th April, and finish on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday 24th May. I hope this will be a fun and healthy way for all of us to participate especially as the weather has improved!

At this time it is not possible to do this together as a parish, but families or individuals are encouraged to set themselves a distance to walk during this period. You could choose to walk any distance from 5km up to 50km that will challenge you and ask relatives and friends to sponsor you. If you can help us reach the target of £1,500 that would be amazing! *Thank you again Fr Emmanuel*

Here's our page's web address: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/standrews21>

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection, 2nd May, will be for St George's Cathedral, Southwark, the mother church of the Diocese. This collection helps to meet the cost of the upkeep of the Cathedral.

MAGNIFICAT

We are pleased to let you know that the digital Holy Week issue is available, free, at the following link: <https://uk.magnificat.net/holyweek>

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CHURCH TOILETS

And finally we have re-opened our toilets. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding regarding our closures.