
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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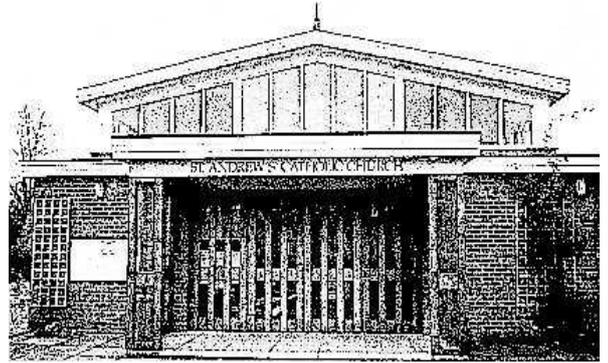
PASTORAL TEAM

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.

4th April 2021 Easter Sunday (B)

Message from Fr Emmanuel

Let there be light!

History sadly teaches us that plagues and pandemics have been rapidly followed by a descent into social disorder and despairing hedonism. If our pathway out of lockdown is not to become such a false dawn, we must be certain of the light that will guide us toward the high goal of our earthly journey. The Easter liturgy declares this to be “the light of Christ rising in glory”, dispelling the darkness of all hearts and minds and making the life of grace possible for us. This is the light that has long-guided societies of Christian foundation, yet this same light must be recognised anew amid the gathering shadows of our age. This light, the word made flesh, has come to live among us during this Easter season.

The opening of our churches is a sign of returning to the Eucharist with Joy. This joy is rekindled with the anticipation of the Easter joy that Christ is risen from the dead. We have seen during the long months of the pandemic a rediscovery of His Eucharistic presence at the heart of our churches and communities. The enormous efforts made by clergy and people in the reopening of Churches has given its own witness to the unfailing light of the Son who has risen above all the shadow of history. At Easter 2021, we can see how the Church's life and mission will be rebuilt on the foundation of such Eucharistic faith and love.

So let us renounce, repent, of sin once and for all, and not go back to it. Let us reject Satan once and for all. Let faith and love become the reason for our lives. And so, let us await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Wishing everyone the Joy of Hope, Forgiveness and Love

HAPPY EASTER!

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 10:34, 37-43

Psalm 117

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-9

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad

You must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

He must rise from the dead

Diary for the Week

<i>Sunday 4th April</i> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>The Resurrection of the Lord</i>	8.30pm (Saturday) Easter Vigil 7.30am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass	For the People of the Parish Lynda Salako RIP Frances Gilbert (Wellbeing) Donald Melvin RIP
<i>Monday 5th April</i> <i>Easter Monday</i>	10.00am Mass	Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP
<i>Tuesday 6th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Robert Hopkins (Wellbeing) Juste Allezounhoue (sick)
<i>Wednesday 7th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Adolfo Pacheco (sick) Pat Dalton RIP
<i>Thursday 8th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Patricia Ritchie RIP Fr Maurizio Pallu (sick)
<i>Friday 9th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Evelyn Hampshire RIP
<i>Saturday 10th April</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP Sr Mary Martin RIP
<i>Sunday 11th April</i> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Feast of the Divine Mercy</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Mrs Elsie Harvey RIP Chantella & Anastacia Ogwuke (Birthday) For the People of the Parish
<i>Monday 12th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Patricia Ritchie RIP Fr Maurizio Pallu (sick)
<i>Tuesday 13th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Evelyn Hampshire RIP
<i>Wednesday 14th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Pierre-Louis Amoussou (Wellbeing) Sr Mary Martin RIP
<i>Thursday 15th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Olga Louth (sick)
<i>Friday 16th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Patricia Richie RIP Anton Benedict (Anniv)
<i>Saturday 17th April</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Fr Maurizio Pallu (sick) Paul Etuka RIP
<i>Sunday 18th April</i> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP Cathy Giraud RIP For the People of the Parish
<i>Monday 19th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Michael Dunne (sick)
<i>Tuesday 20th April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Timothy Dunne (Wellbeing) Adrian Gladwin Freeman RIP (Anniv)
<i>Wednesday 21st April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Valentine Athayde RIP
<i>Thursday 22nd April</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
<i>Friday 23rd April</i> <i>St George</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	
<i>Saturday 24th April</i>	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	For the People of the Parish
<i>Sunday 25th April</i> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Lily Brew Arthur RIP Madeline Victoire (92 nd Birthday) Lewin Family (Thanksgiving)

Church cleaners: this week: Fifi's Group, Sancho's Dusters (14.4.21), St Jude's Group (21.4.21), Judie's Crew (28.4.21)

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

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

EASTER MONDAY

- Only one Mass 10am

LIVE STREAMING EQUIPMENT FOR ST ANDREW'S

At the time of writing we are expecting Talk Talk to install the wi-fi for the live streaming in the next few days. We hope to be up and running soon after. 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.*

LENT 2021

The Parish Penitential Service on Monday 29th March was very well attended. It was good to see so many parishioners preparing for Easter in this way.

There are Easter collection envelopes which is the Easter collection for our Priests of the Parish – *thank you.*

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.

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.

NEWSLETTER

This newsletter covers the next three weeks. Due to staff absence the office is closed now and will re-open again on Monday 19th April.

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection on 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.

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 is improving!

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>

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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*Wishing you the joy of Easter
Fathers Emmanuel, Sylvester and Anthony
Deacons Tony and Errol
Sisters Jennie and Sheila*