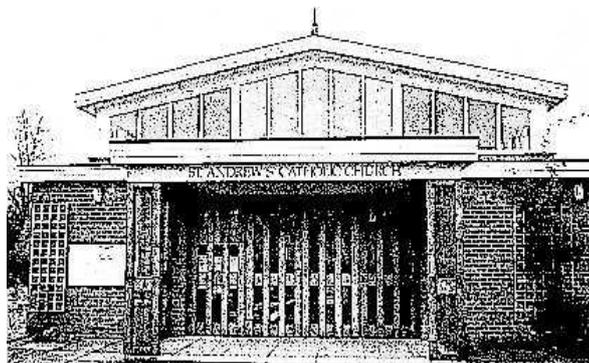

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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Deacons: Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine
Parish Sister: Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ
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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.

2nd May 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

Message from Fr Sylvester

To be fruitful, be connected with Jesus

Our Lord Jesus Christ says, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch of mine that bears no fruit, he takes away and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear much fruit." Jesus describes here the essence of a fruitful Christian life. If we truly want to be fruitful, we must remain with Christ. Every effort at achieving greatness that does not include Christ is only wasted time. Jesus tells us that, he is the vine. Away from him we can bear no fruit.

The fruit that Jesus means for his disciples to bear is that of the Holy Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal 6:22-23) and also that of effective ministry. Both are impossible apart from Christ and the life-giving presence of his Holy Spirit in us. To remain alive let us therefore remain connected to Jesus by loving the Lord with all our heart, soul, strength and love our neighbour as ourselves (Mt 22:37-38). In this way we will exhibit all the fruit there is, guided by God and having put to death the works of the flesh (Ro 8:13).

Wishing you a fruitful and blessed weekend.

This Sunday's Readings

Acts 9:26-31	Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey
Psalms 21	You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly
1 John 3:18-24	His commandments are these: that we believe in his Son and that we love one another
John 15:1-8	Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty

Diary for the Week

Sunday 2nd May <i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	For the people of the parish Virginia Athayde RIP Tobech Uche (Birthday) Nana Mike Hayfron (Birthday)
Monday 3rd May <i>(Bank holiday)</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Rev Kevin Alban O. Carm (sick) Clifford Chapman RIP
Tuesday 4th May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Power & Fennelly Families (F) Edwin Athayde RIP
Wednesday 5th May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Catherine Barrie RIP Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP
Thursday 6th May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Brigit Thomas RIP Anniv Carol O'Connor (Wellbeing)
Friday 7th May	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	James O'Connor RIP
Saturday 8th May	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP Richard Palmer (80 th Birthday)
Sunday 9th May <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Victoria & Vincent Athayde RIP Ms Elizabeth Omenaka Charles RIP For the people of the parish

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

SECOND COLLECTION THIS 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.

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. Please remember the victims and survivors in your prayers.

LIVE STREAMING EQUIPMENT FOR ST ANDREW'S

At the time of writing Talk Talk were here installing the equipment. 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>

CHURCH TOILETS

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