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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

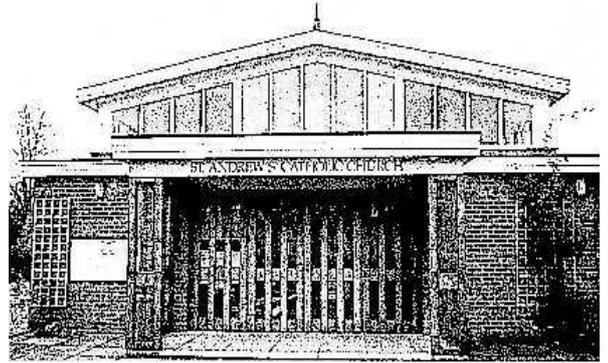
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.  
Fr Sylvester Adeniyi C.S.Sp.  
Fr Anthony Saffa 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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## 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

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### Message from Fr Emmanuel

This Sunday is the first Sunday after Ascension of Jesus into heaven. A day that was marked with mixed feelings for the Apostles and disciples. However, Jesus in the gospel of John 16:5-16 told them "Unless I go, the Advocate will not come to you ..." His Ascension to heaven was necessary for the regeneration of the Church. His Ascension would give way to the Advocate, the paraclete to come to teach the world about sin, the right and about Judgement. The Holy Spirit is the soul of the church, the principle of its life and unity.

So, in this Sunday's Gospel, He knew he was about to leave his disciples, and he wanted to leave them with so much, especially his example of self-sacrificing love, but they just didn't understand. Finally, perhaps with even a bit of exasperation, Jesus looked heavenward and asked his Father to protect those he loved. His prayer was for us all to be one with Jesus and his father, God. We are to remain in this unity until the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day.

May we continue to wait in prayer with the rest of the Christian world as we await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

### *Happy Sunday*

#### This Sunday's Readings

<b>Acts 1:15-17, 20-26</b>	<b>We must choose one of these to be a witness to his resurrection with us</b>
<b>Psalms 102</b>	<b>The Lord has set his sway in heaven</b>
<b>1 John 4:11-16</b>	<b>Anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him</b>
<b>John 17:11-19</b>	<b>That they may be one like us!</b>

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Rui Casseres RIP Sr Mary Martin RIP Mrs Mary Mensa Kuma RIP For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Stephen De Winter – Special Intention J. Okoroafor - For the Souls of Carol & Apolonia Okoroafor RIP
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Adolfo Pacheco – sick
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Deceased Members Hampshire Family RIP Sr. Trifa RIP
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Deceased Members Ritchie Family RIP Paul Etuka RIP
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Joseph Kwame Baffoe RIP Anniv Canon John (Jack) Naughton – Anniv (26.4.41 – 18.6.15)
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Sr Mary Martin RIP  Andrew Rodrigues RIP
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Canon Francis Moran RIP (F) Jessica Mary Badu RIP For the People of the Parish

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### **LIVE STREAMING OUR MASSES**

I am very happy to let you know that you can now go to our website for St Andrew's to have access to our live streaming of Holy Mass. We hope to live stream all our Masses.

This is the address for accessing our live streaming <https://www.churchservices.tv/thorntonheath>

We have offered this service because we are aware that many of our parishioners are still not able to come to Mass so we hope to offer this service as another way of helping you to access our Holy Masses.

This is all new for all of us and it might take a while for it to settle down but hopefully it will all go to plan!

I thank you again for your patience and generosity and look forward to “seeing” more of you on-line. Please feel free to give me your feedback! *Fr Emmanuel*

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK**

The second collection, 16<sup>th</sup> May, will be for World Communications Day. This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network (CCN) the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN seeks to be the service both to the Church and the world in offering professional channels of communication and provides support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Its office is the focus for media enquiries on national matters, and seeks to develop the public profile of the Church and its teachings. The CCN provides up-to-date news releases, features and podcasts, information from the Bishops' [Conference of England and Wales and trains spokesmen and women.](#)

### **FR EMMANUEL**

Father will be away next week, 17th – 23rd May for his Easter break.

## **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.

## **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, 5<sup>th</sup> April, and finish on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 to everyone who have donated so far – it is much appreciated. Fr Emmanuel*

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

## **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK**

The second collection next week, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, will be for Pentecost Sunday (Spiritan Feast Day collection). This collection is also for the Holy Ghost Fathers and the missionary work carried out worldwide.

## **POPE FRANCIS GLOBAL ROSARY MARATHON FOR THE END OF THE PANDEMIC**

Pope Francis is requesting that during this entire month of May the entire Church invoke the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the end of the pandemic and, in a special way, he has invited all of us to pray fervently for those most closely affected by it.

During each day of May, guided by a calendar with specific intentions, all the Shrines around the world, united in a communion of supplication, will lift up their prayers, which, like the fragrance of incense, will rise up to heaven. Thirty Marian Shrines will take turns leading this prayer throughout the Church and offering the faithful a series of prayer moments for them to participate throughout the entire day.

The highlight of the 30 days of prayer will be the Recitation of the Holy Rosary, prayed according to local traditions and customs, for the end of the pandemic and for the particular daily intention entrusted by Pope Francis, according to the directions provided in the Prayer Calendar.

It is important to emphasise that, in addition to the recitation of the Holy Rosary, Shrines, churches, individuals are invited to promote during the entire day other moments of prayer. Help unleash the Power of Catholic Hope and Prayer. Just imagine the possibilities when the whole Church comes together in an organised fashion and moves as one body to spread hope, light and an end to the pandemic.

Please join the world uniting with Pope Francis urgent call to pray the Rosary daily for the end of the pandemic. Please see the poster in the porch with information on video links and websites.

## **CAFOD: CORONAVIRUS APPEAL FOR INDIA**

As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised communities. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation and quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic. Thank you.