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# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

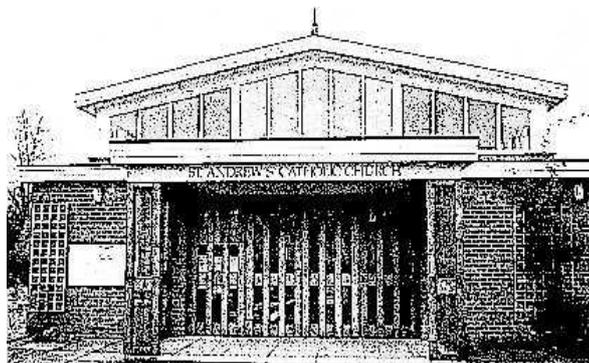
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.  
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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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## 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 Pentecost Sunday (B)

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### Message from Deacon Errol

#### **The Transformative Action of the Holy Spirit**

This Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Advocate. To be predisposed to the Holy Spirit's action in the world, we pray the Novena to the Holy Spirit, to help us in our preparation to welcome Him, for He comes with special gifts to bestow, to help us in our Christian life.

Jesus ascends to heaven for the Holy Spirit to descend to be the source of power that meets our need to escape the miserable weakness that grips us. He gives us the power to be truly good and to live holy lives. To live victoriously in this life, we need this twofold gifts of God; first, we need the work of the Son of God for us, and second, the work of the Spirit of God in us. The Holy Spirit works internally within us to prepare us for eternal life with Jesus. He gives us the Wisdom to make the right decisions and choices in life. He empowers us against the wiles of Satan and the attacks and cunningness of wicked people, for there are wicked people who believe they are acting for God. One of the main functions of the Holy Spirit therefore, is to impart the holiness of God to us, by developing within us a Christ-like character; a character marked by the fruits of godliness we bear, in our service to God, and service to one another. The Holy Spirit is the source of all the fruits which St Paul outlines in Galatians 5:22 and comes from the gifts the Spirit bestows, which is Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord (Awe and Wonder) *Isaiah 11*. The Church teaches that these gifts are given to all of the faithful through the Sacraments of Baptism and especially Confirmation. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 1303*). Had it not been Covid19, by now, some of our young people may be preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Beloved, God's purpose is for us to become mature Christians attaining the full measure of perfection found in Christ. *Eph4:13*. With that maturity, we pray **"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And renew the face of the earth."**

#### **This Sunday's Readings**

**Acts 2:1-11**

**Psalm 103**

**Galatians 5:16-25**

**John 15:26-27; 16:12-15**

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak**

**Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth**

**The fruit of the Spirit**

**The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Andrew Rodrigues RIP Canon Francis Moran RIP (F) Jessica Mary Badu RIP For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Stephen De Winter – Special Intention Adesoji Grillo RIP Anniv
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Diego Paes RIP (Birthday) For Our suffering Souls (Anniv)
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Daniel Messina RIP
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP For Souls In Purgatory (J. Okoroafor)
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	“Frank” Thanksgiving Patrick Tiernan RIP
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</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	Deceased Members D’Sa Family RIP  Orlando Gonsalves – Wellbeing
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa Mary Badu & Family – Wellbeing For the People of the Parish

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

## St. Andrew’s Parish Notices

### **LIVE STREAMING OUR MASSES**

We are very happy to let you know that you can now go to our website to have access to our live streaming of Holy Mass. We will be live streaming all our Masses. So far all has been working very well.

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

### **SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

The second collection this 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.

### **LEGION OF MARY**

The group will be meeting in the Church on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm to say the Legion of Mary prayers and the Rosary. If anyone would like to join them in the Church, you are most welcome to come along.

### **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”**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 'Active Soles Walk' which finishes this Monday after Pentecost Sunday on 24<sup>th</sup> May. If you still want to donate, here is our page's web address:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/standrews21>

*Thank you to everyone who have donated – it is much appreciated. Fr Emmanuel*

## **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.

## **BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE**

Dear husband and wife ...

You are invited to give each other a gift by spending 10<sup>th</sup> July online between 9am and 1pm exploring and improving your relationship. The event, entitled 'Building A Better Marriage', will provide you with valuable insights into your communication skills and the call of the Church to the married. There is no group sharing. This is not marriage counselling but a chance to make average-to-good marriages a bit better – whether you married five years ago or 50. Booking is essential: telephone 07983 524 727 or email [mflkent@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflkent@rcaos.org.uk) Recent online 'Building a Better Marriage' courses attracted the following comments from couples: “The topics were chosen well and we could really relate to them... The personal stories you shared were very insightful and helped us to reflect on our own relationships more deeply... It was relaxed and you put us at ease, being friendly and personable... We thoroughly enjoyed attending the course.”

A booking form is necessary and copies are on the table in the porch.

## **ANNUAL CATHEDRAL MARRIAGE MASS**

Are you celebrating your 1st, 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or any later wedding anniversary this year? Or did you last year? If so, Archbishop John invites you to join him in celebrating a Mass for married couples at 3.00pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at St George's Cathedral. You need to book in advance and by doing so you will then receive a personal written invitation from Archbishop John. To book or for more details email [mflsw@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:mflsw@rcaos.org.uk)

## **GENERAL**

Archbishop John is calling the Archdiocese of Southwark to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese.' As part of an answer to this call the Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis (AEC) is developing a missionary volunteer network consisting of prayer, people and parish plans – *Some Definite Service*. What might be your particular part to play in this, some definite service? For more information, visit: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds](http://aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds).