

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

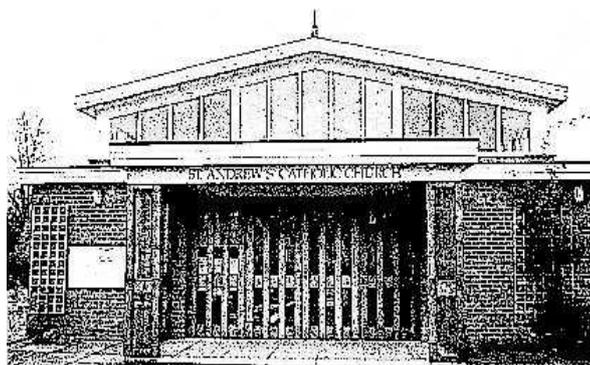
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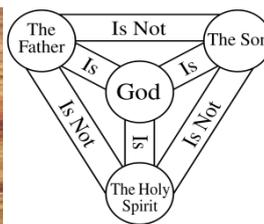
Welcome to St Andrew's RC Church. Worship has been offered here since 1905. You are all very welcome to join in the hymns and other parts of the service as much as possible. Please switch mobile phones off and refrain from taking photographs, filming or recording.



30th May 2021 The Most Holy Trinity (B)

Message from Fr Anthony

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



Have you ever gone through a difficult moment in a significant relationship? Who can explain why the people we love get mad at us, misunderstand us, and turn their backs on us, and sometimes causing us to wonder whether we want to be in relationship with them.

Today's celebration of the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity; **ONE GOD IN THREE PERSONS, FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT** is all about **RELATIONSHIP**. That is, God's relationship with us and our relationship with one another. With this concept, you might be tempted to think and believe that Catholics are **TRITHEISTS**; that we believe in three different gods who are in relationship with one another. Our creed says (we believe in ONE God) this tells us that we are **MONOTHEIST**, which is belief in one God. The bedrock and force of unity in this relationship is LOVE. We are created in love to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love. From the day of our Baptism, we have belonged to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How privileged we are to grow up in such a beautiful Family! Hence, let us turn to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in prayer every day. We belong to the Family of the Triune God. The love, unity and joy in the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit should be the supreme model of our relationships within our Christian families. Our families become truly Christian when we live in a relationship of love with God and with others. Therefore we need to see the Trinity as the model for our Christian families.

The mystery of the Holy Trinity contains truths that show us who God is and who we are as men and women created in His image. Confident in the unifying love of God, may we go forth as Disciples of Christ to love one another and bring peace and joy to those we encounter.

This Sunday's Readings

Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40	The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other
Psalms 32	Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own
Romans 8:14-17	You received the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!'
Matthew 28:16-20	Baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

Diary for the Week

Sunday 30th May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Orlando Gonsalves - Wellbeing In Honour of Our Lady of Africa Mary Badu & Family – Wellbeing For the People of the Parish
Monday 31st May <i>Bank Holiday</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Antonio Sagiris RIP James Sheehan RIP
Tuesday 1st June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	For the People of India
Wednesday 2nd June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP
Thursday 3rd June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP
Friday 4th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Power & Fennelly Families (F)
Saturday 5th June	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP
Sunday 6th June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	John Messina RIP For the People of the Parish

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

St. Andrew's Parish Notices

LIVE STREAMING OUR MASSES

I am happy to say that our live streaming has been very successful so far! Judging by the number of “hits” St Andrew's has been receiving, we are very happy to see that many of you who cannot come to Mass is making good use of this service.

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

ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK

The group have launched a food bank project in order to help families who are in need of extra help with regards to some food items. This will be held in St Andrew's hall every second Saturday every month until the end of the year. The next one will be on Saturday 12th June approximately from 12.00 – 1.00pm. If you know of any families who may benefit from this, please let them know.

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

A big thank you to everyone who helped us raise a fantastic £1,070. I know that the pandemic has deeply affected many of you and still does so thank you again for continuing to think of us and helping and for this I am truly grateful. *Fr Emmanuel*

If you still want to donate, here is our web address:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/standrews21>

FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS

The clergy have been meeting regularly and discussing with the Catechists if the Sacraments can safely take place this year. At the moment we intend to hold Confirmations this autumn, please call Sr Jennie, 020 8689 0454, for more information. We are still in discussion as we will see how the changes will affect us next month after the Government's announcements regarding the lifting of lockdown restrictions.

For First Holy Communions we hope to make an announcement soon. We are also following the guidance from the diocese on this so as soon as we can we will announce our programmes when we have them so please keep checking the newsletter.

Of course, in order for the Sacraments to go ahead, we will need help from you. We need volunteer Catechists. Please let us know if you can help, especially with the First Holy Communions. If you have a child who would like to join the programme, please consider becoming a Catechist so we can forward plan with our programme. Send your details via email into the office.

MARGARET O'LEARY RIP

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Margaret O'Leary who sadly passed away recently. Our condolences and prayers as a parish go out to the family.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

Dear husband and wife ...

You are invited to give each other a gift by spending 10th 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 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 9th 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

SOME DEFINITE SERVICE

Archbishop John is calling us to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese.' None of this will be possible without prayer. As we pray for our Church, we also pray that we may be renewed ourselves. Let us pray that we may know more deeply the love of God for us and the hope he gives, so that others may also encounter him. Are you interested in joining our prayer partners praying for the mission of the archdiocese? Email aec@rcaos.org.uk.

Please read the recent Covid-19 Route Map: Step 3 Guidance for our Church

This Guidance is offered to the Dioceses of England and Wales as the country moves into Step 3 (17 May) of the Government Covid-19 Response Roadmap published in February 2021.

1. Hand sanitiser is kept available for those entering churches and people are encouraged to use it, and
2. That the wearing of face coverings, even if removed by law, remains at least for now (apart for those who are exempt.)
3. Maintaining a good general standard of routine cleaning using usual cleaning detergents is sufficient for regular use:
 - a) Cleaning once a day for most surfaces people touch is acceptable
 - b) Cleaning more often (min 2 a day) for very frequent touch points (eg door handles used multiple times in a day).
4. At the moment, the regulation on social distancing still requires that a reduced capacity exists in all churches.

5. Congregational Singing

Indoor congregational singing is still prohibited at Step 3 and further guidance from Public Health England is expected before the 21 June Step 4 date is reached. The use of small cantor groups and other small choirs is now permitted, and the following guidance is still current following the principles of safer singing.

6. Celebration of Holy Mass:

Servers and Assistants: Those needed for the celebration of Mass.

Holy Water Stoups: Unfilled.

Votive Candles: Available.

Incense and Candles: Can be used.

Readers: Limit touching of Lectionary, but no need to sanitise hands at Lectern.

Prayer of the Faithful: Can be reintroduced.

Offertory Procession: Can be reintroduced with those involved sanitising their hands before.

Sign of Peace: Remains suspended.

Funeral Masses: Same as Celebration of Parish Masses

Holy Communion: Under one kind only; permitted to announce "The Body of Christ" for each communicant.

7. Celebration of Holy Baptism

Capacity 30 people at a stand-alone celebration; Reassessment of Covid secure capacity of the church as outlined above if during Mass. Servers and Assistants as needed. Anointings should be applied using a cotton bud. Pouring of water with caution to prevent splashing. White garment do not use communal white garments, but a garment particular to each child. Multiple baptisms in one celebration single family groups.

These are just a few selected step 3 guidance, that are necessary for our Church with regard to Covid-19 route map. Please do familiarise yourself with these so that we may continue to be safe during these unusual times. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding in this regard.