

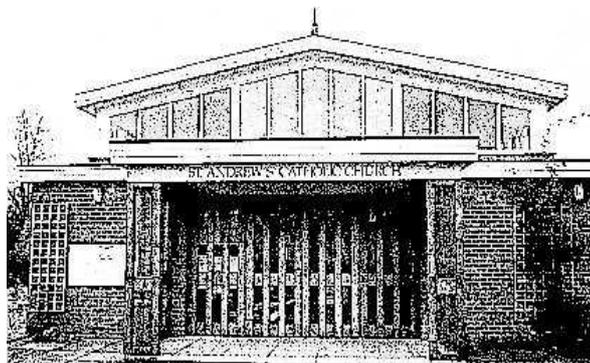
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

13th June 2021
11th Sunday of the Year (B)

Message from Deacon Tony

With Eastertide over we are now back in Ordinary time. The Church's season are six fold, Advent, Christmastide, Ordinary time, Lent, Eastertide and Ordinary time again. However, there is nothing ordinary about Ordinary time. Firstly, the name does not get its name from being ordinary, it comes from the use of ordinal numbers, last week for example being the 10th, this week being the 11th.

During Ordinary time there are many feast days, Friday was the feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, various saints days such as John Fisher and Thomas More, the Birthday of John the Baptist, Peter and Paul, the Assumption all happen in Ordinary time. But it does have its uses as a 'down time' as illustrated in this prayer

Lord thank you for the mundane
for the things we don't have to explain
the ordinary day to day
when the extras are kept at bay

Lord thank you for every small win
For the things that don't lead us to sin
for the simple lack of fuss
like a seat on the train or the bus

Lord thank you, it's ordinary time
when routine is a little sublime
Time to breath, but please keep us on track
For we're not aware when your son will be back

This Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 17:22-24	I make low trees grow
Psalm 91	It is good to give you thanks, O Lord
2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord
Mark 4:26-34	It is the smallest of all the seeds; yet it grows into the biggest shrub of them all

Diary for the Week

Sunday 13th June <i>11th Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Tony Da Costa RIP Michael D'Souza RIP Anniv Jordan & Sabina Ogwuke (Birthdays) For the People of the Parish
Monday 14th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Deodit Simoes RIP
Tuesday 15th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Francis Tucker (F)
Wednesday 16th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Isimeme Juliet Eriaka RIP
Thursday 17th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Jude Martin Etuka (Birthday wishes)
Friday 18th June	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Sr Mary Martin RIP
Saturday 19th June	9.30am Mass 10.00 – 10.30am Confessions 5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Paul Etuka RIP
Sunday 20th June <i>12th Sunday of the Year</i> <i>Father's Day</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Ian Cyrill RIP "Frank" Thanksgiving to B.V.M. 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

If you would like to live stream our Holy Masses, the address for accessing our live streaming:
<https://www.churchservices.tv/thorntonheath>

CONFIRMATIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

The clergy have been meeting regularly and discussing with the Catechists if the Sacraments can safely take place this year. We are still in discussion as we will see how the changes will affect us after the Government's announcements regarding the further lifting of lockdown restrictions.

Confirmations

At the moment we intend to hold Confirmations this autumn, please call Sr Jennie, 020 8689 0454, for more information.

Confirmation Catechist Meeting

There is a Confirmation Catechist meeting today, 13th June, at 4.00pm on in the Convent.

First Holy Communions

For First Holy Communions we are asking parents of children who are in year 3 or 4 from September 2020 to complete an application to register their children for the next programme by 27th June 2021. Please complete the online form by following the link <https://forms.gle/uYfhYvYZdFY8Gfi57>

Of course, in order for the Sacraments to go ahead, we will need help from you. Thank you if you have already come forward but we still need more volunteer Catechists. If you have a child who would like to join the programme, please consider becoming a Catechist so we can move forward with our programme. Send your details via email into the office.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend, 13th June, is for Catholic Trust for England and Wales (CaTEW). CaTEW supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. This collection helps supply the Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.

400 CLUB DRAW FOR MAY

The winners for the 400 club draw for May are:

1st Prize - Samuel Williams No: 114

2nd Prize - Joyce Lumnsden No: 44

3rd Prize - Michael Hibberd No: 11

REPOSITORY

The Repository will be open after the 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday. 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.

CANDLES IN CHURCH

Some people are gifting the small votive candles to the Church. Please can we ask you not to do this as we are required by law, for health and safety reasons, to purchase our candles from authorised companies.

MISSIO RED BOXES

Missio is the Pope's official charity for overseas mission. Through Missio you provide practical and spiritual care in 157 countries, as well as train local priests, nuns and lay leaders to form and sustain communities of faith. Missio brings the message of God's love to those living in poverty and turmoil overseas. In England and Wales they are known by their distinctive red collection box.

For those of you who have a Missio box, there will be a collection of all monies in the Church on the weekend of 10/11th July. For further information about Missio red boxes please call Savio on 07902 933534.

ST ANDREW'S BIG CLEANING DAY

In anticipation of the Government relaxing the rules, I would like to request that you come along to help clean the Church and hall and the surrounding outside areas on Saturday 26th June for a "good clean" in readiness for us to resume some of our usual activities. I am grateful to everyone who regularly attend to the cleaning of the Church but during this lockdown period, some people were not able to come along and the burden has fallen on just a few. I would be most grateful if you could spare an hour or so after the 9.30am Mass on Saturday 26th June to come along and help us. We really need more people to help with the task of cleaning God's house, so if you can help in any way, please do come along – I would be very happy to see you! *Fr Emmanuel*

NEW ONE-OFF DIOCESE GIFT AID ENVELOPES

There are some new one-off Diocese Gift Aid envelopes (white) in the porch available to use. These have been designed as a one off use for visitors to St Andrew's and those who may wish to make a one off taxable donation to us so they are different from the normal parishioners numbered Gift Aid envelopes (blue box manila envelopes) for our Gift Aid Scheme. These can also be used for non-Gift Aid donations too. Please complete and hand into the collection trays or give to one of the priests.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week, 20th June, is for Day for Life. This is the Day in the Church's Life dedicated to celebrating the Sacredness of Life. The proceeds from the Day for Life collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

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

CAFOD

Thank you for your support of CAFOD this past year. CAFOD are keen to let you know how your money is used:

“So thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, the reports show CAFOD has been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provided 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia’s 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia and for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide.”

SOME DEFINITE SERVICE: MISSIONARY NETWORK

The Church is made up of people and so is *Some Definite Service* - Catechists, Formators, Evangelisers, Deanery Mentors, Parish Leads. It is the goal and intention of the Agency and the archdiocese to invest time and energy in all involved in *Some Definite Service*, to ensure that those working in ministry are supported and do not feel isolated. Are you being called to be part of this network in a particular way? For more information, please visit: aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds.

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.