

# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

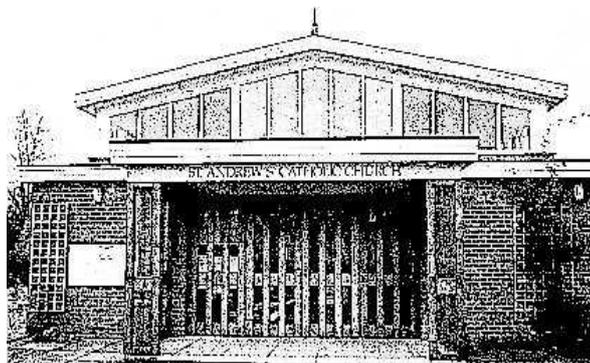
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## PASTORAL TEAM

**Priests:** Fr Emmanuel Ahua C.S.Sp.  
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**Deacons:** Rev. Tony Flavin, Rev. Errol Quagraine  
**Parish Sister:** Sr. Jennie Eldridge DMJ  
**Croydon University Hospital Chaplaincy:** Sr. Sheila 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.*

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20<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

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Message from Fr Emmanuel

## Day for life

*Day for Life* is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on **20<sup>th</sup> June** in England and Wales.

The annual *Day for Life* collection helps fund the crucial work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, formerly the Linacre Centre, as well as projects which work to protect life at every stage and every condition. The "Anscombe Bioethics Centre is a Roman Catholic academic institute that engages with the moral questions arising in clinical practice and biomedical research. It brings to bear on those questions principles of natural law, virtue ethics, and the teaching of the Catholic Church and seeks to develop the implications of that teaching for emerging fields of practice." (<http://www.dayforlife.org/anscombe-bioethics-centre/>).

As we focus on caring for the sick and dying and promoting the respect owed to life in all its vulnerability, we hold this important intention up to the Lord by praying to St Joseph, patron saint of the sick.

### Prayer to St Joseph for a Happy Death

O Blessed Joseph, who yielded up thy last breath in the arms of Jesus and Mary, obtain for me this grace, O holy Joseph, that I may breathe forth my soul in praise, saying in spirit, if I am unable to do so in words: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give Thee my heart and my soul." *Amen*

### This Sunday's Readings

**Job 38:1, 8-11**

**Psalm 106**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-17**

**Mark 4:35-41**

**Here your proud waves shall break**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures for ever**

**Now the new creation is here**

**Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him**

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>  <i>Father's Day</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Paul Etuka RIP Ian Cyrill RIP "Frank" Thanksgiving to B.V.M. For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Deceased Members of Hampshire Family Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Deceased Members of Ritchie Family "Frank" Wellbeing
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Judex Leong-Chung RIP Anniv
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>The Nativity of St John The Baptist</i>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Noreen Britto RIP Anniv
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Paul Etuka RIP "Elizabeth" Wellbeing
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Marie Parsooramen RIP  Len Highland RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Merle D'Souza RIP Gilda Margaret James RIP Anniv 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

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

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The second collection this weekend 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.

### CONFIRMATIONS AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

After regular discussions with the Clergy and Catechists on whether the Sacraments can safely take place this year and following on from the recent Government announcements regarding lockdown restrictions, the following are:

#### Confirmations

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

#### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### DBS RENEWAL FOR VOLUNTEERS IN THE CHURCH

The Diocese have asked that all volunteers who work with those in groups with children and vulnerable adults, including all Eucharistic ministers and adult altar servers over the age of 18, agree to getting a DBS renewal as soon as is practical.

The Diocese is not saying volunteers have to stop their volunteering but given that all such volunteering activities have been in abeyance for a year, now is a very good time to re-evaluate and to adhere to the DBS requirements for your role.

Please contact the Parish Safeguarding representatives, Lesley Brennan 0758 855 0058 or Christine Monaghan 0798 502 4424 for further info.

### **CHURCH AND HALL TOILETS**

Over the last couple of weeks, our toilets have been left in quite a state, water left running on the floors, rubbish left behind on the floors, the hand washing bottles taken etc. Please can we ask if everyone who uses our toilets can leave them in a clean and tidy state and particularly please can all parents accompany their children to use the toilets. Regretfully we will have to close the toilets if the damage continues.

### **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 10/11<sup>th</sup> 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 if you can, please can you come along to help clean the Church and hall and the surrounding outside areas on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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*

### **SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

The second collection next weekend, 27<sup>th</sup> June, is for Peter's Pence. Peter's Pence: by reason of the bond of unity and charity, the bishops of the Church, with their people, join together to produce those means which the Holy Father and the Apostolic See need to exercise works of mercy and charity and its service of the Universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalised and the victims of war and natural disasters. Concrete aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees, and immigrants etc.

### **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.

## **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)

## **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.”

## **DEANERY MENTORS**

The Agency for Evangelisation and Catechesis is developing a model of parish support called *Some Definite Service* and is looking for people who might be willing to volunteer as Deanery Mentors! This is an exciting opportunity to serve the Church and your fellow parishioners. As you serve, you will also receive formation, training, be accompanied and invested in. For more information, please visit: [aec.rcaos.org.uk/sds](http://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 19 July 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.**