

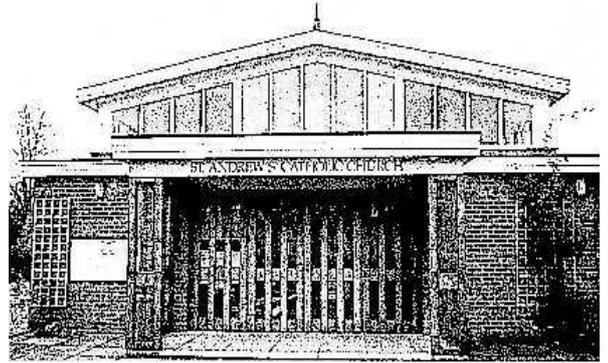
# ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.*

27<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (B)

## Message from Deacon Errol

### Gratitude

The psalmist says, "Give thanks to God for He is good" Psalm 106:1

Life is designed in a way that we all have needs; otherwise we will have no regard for others, even those who work towards meeting some of those needs. We are too quick to complain and slow in thanksgiving to God. We are to give thanks to God for all that we have sufficient for each day is a gift from the Father. There are times when we thank God for His extraordinary Providence. What are we thankful for today? Luke 17:15-16 says, "One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan." (NIV) The Bible is filled with several passages to show gratitude is linked to faith which I encourage us to search for.

What then is gratitude? Gratitude is the response of souls who are intensely aware of God's intervention in their lives. Thanksgiving therefore is a joyous recognition of God's goodness and power in our lives.

Our gratitude to God even when things are not going the way we hope for certainly draws God into our hearts. Therefore, if we find it hard to pray or cannot pray, we can start counting all the blessings we have received from God, and give thanks for each of them and that will make our communication with God easier.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is our supreme act of thanksgiving, but make our lives a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God outside of the Mass is also pleasing to God, if we use our bodies as God's temple and its members to glorify Him. Remember, a grateful heart is like a magnet that makes one conscious of all the blessings we receive from God each day.

To conclude, please see 1Thessalonians 5:16-18,24,28. May God bless us all. Amen.

This Sunday's Readings	
Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24	It was the devil's envy that brought death into the world
Psalm 29	I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15	In giving relief to others, balance what happens to be your surplus now against their present need
Mark 5: 21-43	Little girl, I tell you to get up

## Diary for the Week

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	6.00pm (Saturday) First Mass of Sunday 9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	Len Highland RIP Merle D'Souza RIP Gilda Margaret James RIP Anniv For the People of the Parish
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Cecil Lobo RIP Anniv
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b> <i>St Peter and St Paul</i> <b>Holyday of Obligation</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Bro. Stephen Lucas – Wellbeing
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	In Honour of Our Lady of Africa Anthony D'Souza RIP
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Fr Edward Mostyn (F) Cleta Andradi RIP
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	7.30am Mass 10.00am Mass	Emeliana Ferrao RIP
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	9.30am Mass <b>10.00 – 10.30am Confessions</b> <b>5.00 – 5.30pm Confessions</b> 6.00pm First Mass of Sunday	Mary Donnelly (F)  Sr Mary Martin RIP
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</i>	9.30am Mass 11.30am Mass 6.00pm Mass	John Burke RIP & Fr Emmanuel Ahua Fr Emmanuel Ahua For the People of the Parish

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

## St. Andrew's Parish Notices

### FR EMMANUEL

Congratulations to Fr Emmanuel who celebrates his 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the Priesthood on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Please keep him in your prayers.

*"To fall in love with God is the greatest of romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement." (St. Augustine)*

### 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, 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.

### 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:

### The Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

This is for candidates in year 9 and above this summer term. All who wish to be confirmed this year please speak to Sr. Jennie or a Catechist after any weekend Mass in July (starting 3/4 July) and stating reasons for wanting to be confirmed. Bishop Paul Hendricks has agreed to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 20th November. **NB Everything is subject to changes in Covid 19 regulations**

## **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.

## **YOUTH CHOIR**

In anticipation of a return to leading the Mass once per month, we would be grateful if parents could kindly contact Maxine if you would like your child/children to sing in the youth choir at St Andrew's. Please call Maxine 07903 401107.

## **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.

## **ALL NATIONS CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC GROUP UK - FOODBANK**

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 10<sup>th</sup> July approximately from 11.30 – 12.30pm. If you know of any families who may benefit from this, please let them know.

## **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. Regrettably 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.

## **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**

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped on Saturday morning. Your contribution in helping to look after God's house is very much appreciated. *Thank you again, 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.

## **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)

## **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.**