

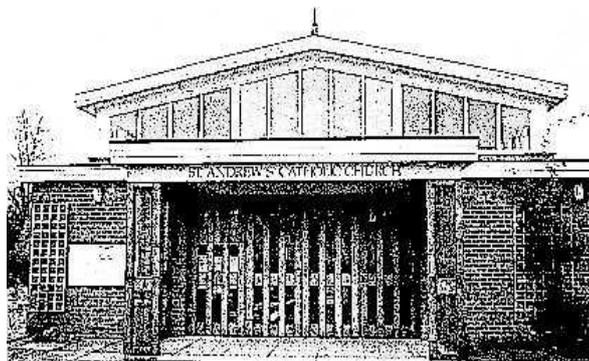
ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH – THORNTON HEATH

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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.

6th June 2021

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (B)

Message from Fr Sylvester

The feast of the body and the blood of Christ

It was on the feast of Holy Thursday, before his passion and death, Christ gave his body and blood to his disciples commanding them to do same in his memory. Reflecting on this great feast Pope Francis has this to say "As well as physical hunger, man also suffers from another form of hunger that cannot be sated with ordinary food. It is a hunger for life, a hunger for love, a hunger for eternity. Manna is the sign... that prefigured the food that satisfies this profound hunger present in man. Jesus gives us this nourishment – or rather, He Himself is the living bread that gives life to the world. His Body is the true food in the form of bread; His Blood is the true sustenance in the form of wine. It is not a simple form of nourishment to sate our bodies, like manna; the Body of Christ is the bread of the last times, able to give life, eternal life, because the substance of this bread is Love". (Pope Francis, Homily June 20, 2014) The body and blood of Christ, Our Eucharist, communicates God's love for us: a love so great that it nourishes itself; it is a gratuitous love, always available to every person who hungers or who is in need of regeneration.

The benefits of participating in the Eucharist therefore are enormous. First it makes us one with Christ. It brings us into union with him. As we eat the body of the Lord we are transformed into him. The Eucharist gives us the strength, nourishment and sustenance for our spiritual journey. Above all, in the Eucharist, is our hope of resurrection, "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day." (Jn 6:57) "The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life." (CCC 1324) Come and be fed from the table of the Lord!

This Sunday's Readings

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| Exodus 24:3-8 | This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you |
| Psalms 115 | The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name |
| Hebrews 9:11-15 | The blood of Christ can purify our inner self from dead actions |
| Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 | This is my body. This is my blood. |

Diary for the Week

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| Sunday 6th June <i>The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)</i> | 6.00pm (Saturday) | First Mass of Sunday | Pasquelina (Rina) Fernandes RIP John Messina RIP For the People of the Parish |
| | 9.30am | Mass | |
| | 11.30am | Mass | |
| | 6.00pm | Mass | |
| Monday 7th June | 7.30am | Mass | George Yeared RIP |
| | 10.00am | Mass | |
| Tuesday 8th June | 7.30am | Mass | Mary Gallagher RIP |
| | 10.00am | Mass | |
| Wednesday 9th June | 7.30am | Mass | Paul Etuka RIP |
| | 10.00am | Mass | |
| Thursday 10th June | 7.30am | Mass | June Simon RIP |
| | 10.00am | Mass | |
| Friday 11th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> | 7.30am | Mass | Sr Mary Martin RIP |
| | 10.00am | Mass | |
| Saturday 12th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | 9.30am | Mass | Michael & Phyllis Keane (F) Tony Da Costa RIP |
| | 10.00 – 10.30am | Confessions | |
| | 5.00 – 5.30pm | Confessions | |
| | 6.00pm | First Mass of Sunday | |
| Sunday 13th June <i>11th Sunday of the Year</i> | 9.30am | Mass | Michael D'Souza RIP Anniv Jordan & Sabina Ogwuke (Birthdays) For the People of the Parish |
| | 11.30am | Mass | |
| | 6.00pm | Mass | |

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

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.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST MEETING

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

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.

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 Communion 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 Communion. 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 NEXT WEEK

The second collection next week, 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.

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: PARISH PLANS

How could your parish benefit from *Some Definite Service*, our response to Archbishop John's call to be an 'evangelising and missionary archdiocese?' No parish is the same and we have a rich and diverse range across the diocese. We want to recognise all the good work that is already being undertaken and then reflect together to see the areas where growth is possible. 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.